Benjamin A Norris
1862

FAMILY HISTORY
Documentation

Age	Date:	Fact:
	1862	Benjamin A. Norris alleged to have painted American Flag on American Flag Butte in Jordanelle
		See also Am. Flag Butte story in separate section in Jordanelle Book

Document or Source of Information:

High on a landmark rock above the Provo River at Hailstone [Jordanelle] there is an American Flag painted, in a place where it can be seen from all over the valley below. There are several stories of how that flag came to be painted there. Some claim that soldiers under Col. Patrick Connor's command at Fort Douglas painted it, but a Murdock family tradition tells that Benny Norris painted the flag for that first Independence Day celebration at Heber Valley in 1863. But whether he painted it or not, there is no doubt that he kept it painted so long as he lived, and today it is still there for all to see. Benny had become too much for Sally to handle at Salt Lake City, so when Joseph moved to Heber, he brought Benny to live with his family there.

On September 25th, 1864 Sally Stacy Murdock died at the adobe brick home she and Nymphus had built at 3rd South and Main Street at Salt Lake City. She was 86 years of age and had been one of the earliest converts to the church in New York State. She had suffered through the trials at Nauvoo and the hard times at Winter Quarters. She was one of the pioneers of 1847, driving her own one-horse shay across the prairies soon after she had become a widow. She brought the first sheep into the territory and for years afterwards clopped their wool, spun it into cloth and made clothes which she gave to the needy. She was always the first to help the less fortunate and was beloved by all. She was a stalwart in the church and raised her sons to become the pioneers, colonizers, and church leaders they became noted for. Her passing was a sore trial for Joseph, but it nearly drove Nymphus to despair, for at nearly the same time as

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